

United by Grace...Led by Spirit...Together by Promise...Trusting His Purpose



Beautiful Spirit

"Teach me Your way, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth" Psalm 86:11

Dear Family, Friends,
& Prayer Partners...

Wow! Did we say we'd check back with you in *January*? Oh boy!

Yes, you guessed it...it's been quite a *fast* and *furious* pace for us, stretching all the way back to Christmas...

...Melissa put her culinary cookie talents to work, taking part in a big Christmas *GOOBBIE* swap, sponsored by the Moody **Student Wives Fellowship** (her husband was grateful to sample a bit of the goodies).



...During Frank's final PCM at **Pacific Garden Mission** for 2009, six men prayed to receive **Christ**!

...Frank & Melissa participated in the **Angel Tree Ministry** of **Moody Church** (processional, food service, entertainment/praise).

...Frank opened dialogue with Dean of Counseling about group ministry to men on Campus struggling with *gender-emptiness* issues.

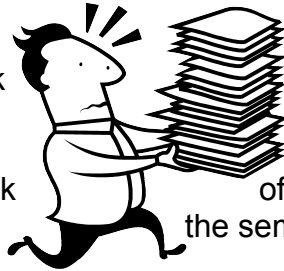
...Frank & Melissa joined the Leitzkes in wishing Randy Leitzke a really cool **Packer** party for his 50th birthday (complete with cushioned toilet seat and **AARP** membership form, courtesy of Mom Leitzke).

Christmas time in Wausau, WI was both healing and relaxing. We started by surprising Mom and Dad Leitzke, arriving a day **earlier** for our visit, joining them in attending IBC's family Christmas **homecoming** kind of celebration (*old fashioned gospel music, the Christmas story, and even some hometown humor*).

Although, about halfway into our stay, Frank got knocked down with a **COLD**, we both agreed it was still a nice and restful time together with family, before leaving to begin what was sure to be our most challenging semester yet...

...we couldn't have been more **right**!

This time around, Frank's line-up of of which also require both field work **Psychology** class involves module each class, and his **Studying and** comprehensive exegesis of the book lessons he is to compose, later in



learning includes 3 Bible courses, two and group labs. His **Intro to** readings and reaction papers for **Teaching the Bible** class involves a of **Galatians**, in preparation for a set of the semester.

In addition to this, he continues his required PCM work, and until recently, continued to hold both part-time work at **Moody Radio**, and at **ETS**. He has since given notice to ETS, not to return until later this summer.

Thank God He doesn't throw all the challenges at us all at once, but prepares us in advance for what is to come (this would've been even more difficult for Frank, had these hit him all at once, during our first semester here).

"You will keep in perfect peace him who's mind is steadfast, because he trusts in You."
Isaiah 26:3

God also places strategic people around us for support, mainly, the *love*, **AFFIRMATION**, and endless **encouragement** of my beautiful wife and faithful partner-in-life, *Melissa Joy*!

Words do not describe the level of *peace* I've enjoyed, even in the midst of the headaches and heartaches during these first few months of this year.

Melissa is enjoying her new promotion in **Donor Resource Management** at Moody (thank you all for your prayers). She now manages an **AWESOME** crew of student workers. Her new position also comes with a pay raise--what a blessing! Her team recently invited us to join them for a night out at **5 GUYS BURGERS AND FRIES**, and a game of

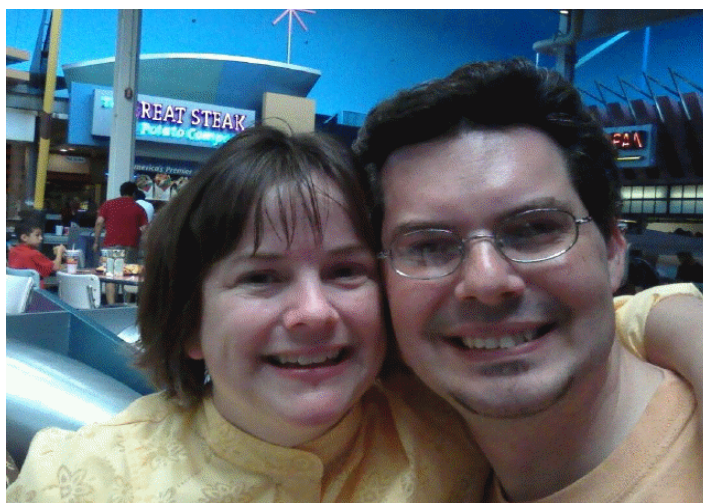
"Geo Ca\$hing," GPS cache treasure hunting. God has given her such a ministry to this great group of young people!



This month is our *wedding anniversary* month, and we fondly remember the many of you who sacrificed to make the start of our journey together a wonderful one. Whether you helped with decorations, catering, shower, came to offer your talents, sponsored us financially, gave a gift, remembered us in prayer, please know just how grateful we are for you!



God has used you in helping make this a rich and exciting first four years of marriage for us. *Thank you*



In-between our email installments, please feel free to email us, [facebook](#) us, post us a note on our website, drop us a letter, or give us a call. We so enjoy re-connecting with all of you!

Spring is just around the corner—can't wait!

Still...we're trusting.

Always In His Love,

Frank

& Melissa Joy

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